

Dear ENERGY STAR Partner,

For the past several months, EPA has been investigating ways of updating the ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool's rating capability for buildings with extensive allocation to data centers and other server equipment.

These equipment spaces are most prevalent in buildings that house telecommunications and financial services operations. Earlier in the year, EPA, along with AMD, Sun Microsystems, and other leaders in the design, planning, and operation of server equipment cosponsored a conference "Enterprise Servers and Data Centers: Opportunities for Energy Efficiency."
http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_esads_conf

As a result of that meeting and continued dialogue with meeting attendees and several ENERGY STAR partners in building operations, EPA has identified a potential revision to the way the ENERGY STAR tool rates the energy performance of buildings with extensive server operations.

Because of your experience with buildings that have a high density of server equipment, EPA would like to share with you our findings and proposed revised strategies.

I have asked Rod Sluyter, a consultant with ICF International who is working in support of ENERGY STAR, to discuss with you the latest information and ideas we have developed. I anticipate that he will start calling within the week.

I would like to thank you in advance for interest in the ideas Rod has to share. Undoubtedly, this effort, and the support of partners such as yourself, will result in a better measurement tool for you and the industry at large.

Sincere thanks and regards,

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